

REMARKS

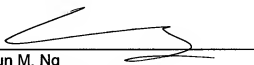
In the final Office Action mailed May 28, 2009, pending claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12-17, 19-22 were rejected. Claims 5, 7, 11, 18, and 23 were allowed. The rejected claims currently stand rejected as being obvious in view of Rowser et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,917,336) and Chien (U.S. Patent No. 7,027,005).

Specifically, the Examiner noted that in the previous response filed on December 22, 2008, applicants argued that the tuned scatter plate was configured for reception of signals. The Examiner then noted that this feature was not specifically recited in the claims. In view of the comments of the Examiner, the remaining rejected independent claims have been amended to explicitly recite that the tuned scatter plate is capable of receiving and directing received signals onto the antenna element. With this amendment, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are patentable over the applied art. The applicants accordingly request reconsideration of the application and a mailing of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Chun M. Ng at (206) 359-8000.

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